

STAGE COACH STATION
Cashup, Whitman County, Washington

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1'STAGE COACH STATIONCashup, Whitman County, WashingtonOWNER:-- Mr. Earl BerryDATE OF ERECTION:-- UncertainBUILDER:-- Mr. DavisPRESENT CONDITION:-- Very poorNUMBER OF STORIES:-- One story and loftMATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:-- Frame building

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS:-- It was used as a stage coach station on the line between Sookane and Walla Walla. The barn used in connection with the station, has this year been torn down, and the present owner, Mr. Earl Berry, expects to tear down the station within a year.

Mr. Davis had a hotel on top of Steptoe Butte, near here, and a store, and the legend is that he always demanded his patrons put their cash up in advance for any service, thereby earning the nickname of "Cashup Davis", this is the origin of the name Cashup, Washington.

Col. Steptoe, was killed near here in an Indian war, and smoke signals for help were sent from the top of Steptoe Butte, to Fort Walla Walla, some 90 miles direct line. The hotel on top of Steptoe Butte burned down, leaving a cement and brick reservoir only. It is reported that the state is to make a State Park of the site.

Historic data obtained from Mr. Earl Berry, of Cashup, and by the daughter of "Cashup" Davis, Mrs. Mary A. Davis Martin, 514 Morton St., Pullman, Washington, who has sent historical data and early photographs to the museum at Colfax, Washington.

MEASURED AND DRAWN:-- October and January, 1936.-37.

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